

Claims

- 1) A method of making product wraps, comprising the steps of:
- causing a continuous strip (3) of wrapping material, presenting at least two bands (4) of adhesive extending parallel with its longitudinal dimension, to advance along a predetermined path;
  - cutting the strip (3) transversely along dividing lines (10) to obtain a plurality of leaves (11) each presenting longitudinal edges (10a) coinciding with relative dividing lines (10);
  - associating at least one product (2) with a respective substantially central area of each leaf (11);
  - folding each leaf (11) around a relative product (2) and bringing together the two longitudinal edges (10a) to form a tubular sheath;
  - closing the ends of the tubular sheath to obtain a wrap (1),
- characterized in that it comprises a step, preceding the step of folding each leaf (11) around a relative product (2), of establishing at least one point (A) between the two adhesive bands (4) and coinciding with the transverse dividing line (10), from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges (10a) of the leaf (11).

2) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear point (A) comprises the step of generating at least one notch (7) on each dividing line (10), extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3) and intersecting the relative line (10).

3) A method as in claim 2, comprising the further step of generating a second notch (8) coinciding with the first notch (7) and serving to create an indentation (12) and a projection (13) on the opposite longitudinal edges (10a) presented by each leaf (11).

4) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch (7) and the second notch (8) are generated prior to the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines.

5) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch (7) and the second notch (8) are generated simultaneously with the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines.

6) A method as in claim 3, wherein the steps of generating the first notch (7), generating the second notch (8) and cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing lines are implemented in sequence.

7) A method as in claims 3 to 6, wherein the second notch (8) presents an outline substantially of "U" shape, or substantially of "Vee" shape, or substantially of "W" shape, or substantially of "S" shape.

8) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of generating a second notch (8) comprises the subsidiary step of piercing the easy tear point (A) in such a way as to create two indentations (12) in each leaf (11), each presented by a respective longitudinal edge (10a).

9) A method as in claims 3 to 8, wherein the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing line (10) comprises the subsidiary steps of making two distinct cuts along the selfsame line, each extending from the second notch (8) toward a longitudinal edge (3a) of the strip (3).

10) A method as in claim 2, wherein the step of generating at least one first notch (7) parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3) is implemented before the step of cutting the strip (3) transversely along the dividing line (10).

11) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear point (A) comprises the step of generating at least one segment (7a) of

broken line appearance positioned to coincide with the transverse dividing line (10).

12) A method as in claim 11, wherein the broken line segment (7a) extends the full length of the transverse cut made across the strip (3).

13) A method as in claims 1 to 12, wherein the continuous strip (3) presents second adhesive bands (5) extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3), each coinciding with a relative easy tear point (A).

14) A method as in claims 1 to 13, comprising the step of twisting the ends of the tubular sheath to produce a sealed double twist wrap (1).

15) A method as in claims 1 to 14, comprising the step, implemented as the strip (3) advances along the predetermined direction and before the step of generating the notches, of applying the first and second adhesive bands (4, 5) to the selfsame strip.

16) A strip of material from which to fashion product wraps, of the type comprising:  
- a pair of first adhesive bands (4) extending parallel to the longitudinal edges (3a) of the strip (3);

- a predetermined number of second adhesive bands (5) extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3) and spaced apart one from the next, wherein the first and second adhesive bands (4, 5) define a plurality of product (2) placement zones (6) each compassed between one second band (5) and the next, characterized in that it comprises at least one notch (7) located to coincide with each second adhesive band (5).

17) A strip as in claim 16, comprising a second notch (8) positioned to coincide with the at least one first notch (7), wherein the first notch (7) extends parallel with the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3).

18) A strip as in claim 17, wherein the second notch (8) consists in a hole (14) positioned to coincide with the first notch (7).

19) A strip as in claim 17, wherein the second notch (8) presents an outline substantially of "U" shape, or substantially of "Vee" shape, or substantially of "W" shape, or substantially of "S" shape, including a central segment (9a) extending transversely across the first notch (7), and two parallel segments (9b) extending from respective ends of the central segment (9a).

20) A strip as in claim 16, wherein the at least one notch (7) presents at least one segment of broken line appearance extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip (3).

- 5      21) A leaf of wrapping material from which to fashion a product wrap obtainable by the method according to any one of claims 1 to 15, comprising:
- a top face (11a) presenting a substantially rectangular peripheral outline;
  - 10      - a pair of first adhesive bands (4) extending along the mutually opposed and parallel shorter sides of the peripheral outline presented by the top face (11a);
  - a pair of second adhesive bands (5) extending along  
15      the mutually opposed and parallel longer sides of the peripheral outline presented by the top face (11a);
  - a placement zone (6) delimited by the pairs of first and second bands (4, 5), in which to position at least one product (2); and
  - 20      - a first notch (7) located along each second adhesive band (5) and extending parallel to the first adhesive bands (4),
- characterized in that it further comprises at least one second notch (8) establishing an indentation (12)  
25      located on a respective second adhesive band (5) and presenting the first notch (7).

22) A leaf as in claim 21, further comprising a projection (13) extending outward from a respective

second adhesive band (5) opposite to the second adhesive band (5) presenting the indentation (12), wherein the first notch (7) is presented by the projection (13).

5        23) A leaf as in claim 22, wherein the projection (13) and the indentation (12) are mutually opposed, and the second adhesive bands (5) can be joined together in such a way as to bring the projection (13) into a position of substantial alignment with  
10        the indentation (12).

24) A leaf as in claim 10, comprising two mutually opposed indentations (12) each positioned to coincide with a respective second adhesive band (5) and presenting the first notch (7).